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TO MASTER PRINTERS.—WANTED, by the advertiser, a SITUATION at CASE. Newspaper work preferred.—"Y. G.," Queen's Head, Borough, S.E.

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STATIONERS and BOOKSELLER'S business to be DISPOSED OF, highly remunerative, situate in one of the best parts of the West-end. 1000/- required.—"J. G.," Mr. Halifax's, 315, Oxford-street.

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BUSINESS of a BOOKSELLER, Stationer, and Fine Art Repository, FOR DISPOSAL, situate in a first-class neighbourhood west, the proprietor retiring from the trade. 1400/- required.—"T. S.," care of Messrs. Dobbs, Kidd, and Co., 134, Fleet-street.

PRINTER, Bookbinder, and Stationer's BUSINESS to be DISPOSED OF, admirably situate in the Old Kent-road, doing a good trade, with capabilities of increase.—Apply to Mr. CRISPE, Auctioneer and Agent, Croydon, or 15, King William-street, E.C.

THE GOODWILL and PLANT of a very old-established and profitable GENERAL PRINTING OFFICE, with a superior connection, to be DISPOSED OF. Amount required, 1000/-—"G. W.," care of Messrs. Spalding and Hodge, Wholesale Stationers, Drury-lane, W.C.

MISCELLANEOUS.

TO PRINTERS.—For SALE, a Double-cylinder PERFECTING MACHINE, by BOAS, table, 55 by 40 inches, with twenty-nine rollers, two roller moulds, fifteen blankets, foot stage, &c., all complete and in first-rate working order, capable of throwing off 1000 perfect copies per hour.—Apply to J. B. DOUGLAS and SMITH, W.S., Edinburgh.

STEREOTYPE PLATES and OLD METAL BOUGHT in any quantity by GOYDER and Co., Stereotypers to the trade, 3, Bonnerie-street, Fleet-street. County consignment remitted by next post.

DOUBLE CYLINDER PRINTING MACHINE, to take sheets 46 by 36, wanted. Must be in good condition. Particulars and lowest price to "P. M.," Messrs. Bayly and Newman's, auctioneers, 10, George-yard, Lombard-street, E.C.

ADAM SCOTT, late of Charterhouse-square, London, bookseller and publisher, who died on the 4th day of November, 1857.—All persons having CLAIMS on this ESTATE are requested to forward the same before the 30th November inst. to Messrs. LOVELL, 14, South-square, Gray's-inn, London, Solicitors, or they will be excluded from the division of assets then about to be made.

LOST (left in a Hansom cab, which took up in King-street, Bloomsbury, and set down at the Waterloo-Station, at half-past four o'clock on Monday, the 14th inst.), a small ROLL of MANUSCRIPT MUSIC. Whoever will bring the same to Mr. GOODWIN, 4, Upper Wellington-street, Covent-garden, shall receive FIVE SHILLINGS.

PURSUANT to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, made in a cause "Watt against Watt," the CREDITORS of ROBERT WATT, late of Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, bookbinder (who died in or about the month of October, 1850), are, by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debt at the Chamber of Commerce, Charterhouse, and Richard and Tonkin Kindersley, No. 2, Stone-building, Lincoln's-inn-fields, Mid-dlesex; or, in default thereof, they will be permanently excluded from the benefit of the said decree, Monday, the 12th day of December, 1859, at twelve o'clock at noon, at the said chambers. A. is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the claims.—Dated this 7th day of November, 1859.

CHAS. PUGH, Chief Clerk, CLARKE, GRAY, and WOODCOCK, 26, Lincoln's-inn-fields, Agents for Messrs. Oliver and Perry, Birmingham, Plaintiff's Solicitors.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. A. B. (Lismore).—Piper and Co.'s address is Paternoster-roye.
A BOOKWORM (Newham) asks: "Will you kindly favour me with the name and price of a good 'Geographical and Arithmetical Table Book'?"—[Our correspondent must make his question a little more intelligible.]

WE HAVE TO THANK our numerous friends in town and country for the kindness with which, as every post testifies, they speak of our felicity in originating, and our success in executing, the design of the BOOKSELLERS' RECORD. On our execution of our task it is not, of course, for us to speak; and, happily, our subscribers have taken the matter out of our hands by their constant and renewed assurances that we have succeeded to their satisfaction in carrying out our programme—an assurance which the public has confirmed, week after week, by a support and encouragement equally unmistakeable and gratifying. We may be allowed, however, a few remarks on the design of the BOOKSELLERS' RECORD. Class papers, no one will deny, constitute one of the chief phenomena of contemporary journalism; they are the most successful, and probably the most useful, of periodical publications. Each numerous and influential class in this country forms a constituency with interests of its own, which court and require advocacy, and which are of importance and extent to furnish sufficient material in the way of news and information for at least one weekly journal, often for two or more. Medical men have their *Lancet* and *Medical Times and Gazette*; commercial men have the *Economist*; the railway interest finds an organ in several weekly journals exclusively devoted to it; the owner of mining property and the speculator in mines has his *Mining Journal*; the class connected with the building trade in all its branches has the *Builder* and the *Building News*; the mechanical power of the country is represented by the *Mechanics' Magazine* and the *Engineer*; the lawyers have the *Law Times*, not to speak of other journals; even the drapers are struggling to establish an organ of their own. But while all these classes

are represented, sometimes doubly and trebly, in the periodical literature of the country, the Booksellers, numerous, educated, and eager for information on the matters in which they are interested, alone, or almost alone, have hitherto been without a weekly organ. Yet it would be easy to show that they are the very class which most requires a journal devoted to their interests, and serving at brief intervals as a medium for the transmission of the intelligence which they stand in need of, as well as for mutual intercommunication. In the bookselling trade, more than in any other, demand follows on judicious supply. An organ which guides the bookseller in making purchases will save him on the one hand from rash speculation, and on the other from the stagnant policy which too often prevents him from making additions to his stock, and sends the intending purchaser, impatient of delay, direct to London and its advertising book-vendors. Then, again, look at the variety of news interesting to the bookseller everywhere, in London and in the provinces, and of which he has been left in ignorance. Trade sales, trade changes, sales by auction, and the prices brought at them, are matters as attractive to the bookseller as those dealt with in the City article of a morning paper to the commercial man. The whole world of literature at home and abroad, the intentions of authors, the aims of publishers, the literary and intellectual tendencies of the age, not less than the gossip and facts of the book-world from week to week, are important to the bookseller professionally. The more he knows of what is going on, the greater his hold upon the book-buying public—one which is increasing enormously from year to year, and which ought to look more and more to the booksellers for guidance. Happily, the British bookseller is generally an educated and an intelligent, often he is a studious, man. That he will support an organ which furnishes him with what he wants we have already found, and in mere point of numbers "the Trade" ranks with any of the professions. It shall be our constant effort to furnish it with that intelligence which will place the remotest bookseller of a distant country town on a level, as regards information, with his best-informed London compeer, and at the same time to acquaint the London "Trade" with the views and wants of their provincial brethren. Every suggestion, every expression of a wish, on the part of the "Trade," will meet with our immediate and careful consideration; and before long we expect to see the day when every intelligent member of the "Trade" in town or country will feel himself identified with the BOOKSELLERS' RECORD, as his quickest and most reliable purveyor of information, the best organ of his views and wishes, and the firmest advocate of his interests.

WE BEG to call the attention of our readers to the interesting account of Mr. Murray's Trade Sale on Tuesday, given in another column. This is the first time, we believe, that a description of an annual "event" of the greatest importance to the "Trade" (not to speak of the interest which the reading public must naturally feel in it), has been communicated with such minuteness and rapidity in a literary journal. We hope that our readers will accept the fact as a proof both of the resources at our command, and of our determination to give them the earliest and most valuable information on all such matters.

The spirit and success with which this important sale went off augur well for the prospects of the publishing season in general.

With the very large numbers taken of Mr. Murray's principal works on Tuesday, we have bidden adieu to the mood of mere expectancy and preparation which has characterised the publishing world of late weeks. The winter campaign has opened brilliantly, and it is expected on all hands that the future will be worthy of the past. It will be observed that, although, as we always predicted, Capt. M'Clintock's was the book of the sale, there was little that was exclusive or partial in the other successes of the occasion. Biography and history, science and theology, shared in the triumph of books of travel and adventure. Nearly 2000 copies were sold of Darwin's work on "The Origin of Species by means of Natural Selection," and nearly 1500 copies of Dr. Smith's elaborate Biblical Dictionary, prove sufficiently that "cheap publishing" can do no harm to dear publishing when good; and it is long likely to remain so in the hands of our Murrays and Longmans.

One of the chief features of the sale was the extraordinary number of copies of Captain M'Clintock's narrative taken by Mr. Mudie. Well has he been termed "the Napoleon of Librarians." Mr. Mudie is introducing a new power into literature, and his Circulating Library is fast coming to represent the reading public in the eyes of Paternoster-row.

IN OUR CORRESPONDENCE columns will be found some valuable and suggestive letters on the Underselling grievance. It is certainly increasing to such an extent, that if William Cobbett were alive he would not now determine to make his son a bookseller, because, as he once said, it was the only trade in which you know exactly what profit is to be made on a sale. Unfortunately, it is more easy to recognise and to state the evil than to discover a remedy for it. Seven or eight years ago there was an attempt made to punish undersellers, by a refusal on the part of leading publishers to furnish them with new books. The publishing interest, however, was divided against itself; the Messrs. Longman went one way, the Messrs. Parker another. The advocates of free trade pure and simple carried the day, and perhaps some of them now regret their easy triumph.

Our country friends naturally complain of the encroachments made by underselling interlopers on old-established businesses, the conductors of which act on the principle of "live and let live." But even if they could get rid of these local interlopers, they would still be exposed to the formidable competition of the advertising undersellers in London, to whom the book-post gives such advantages for trading with the country. Large discount is the bribe. The London underseller receives cash; the country bookseller must give credit—often a long one. How can he compete with the metropolitan advertising underseller who has the book-post at his command?

One thing in this difficult controversy is certain. It is that whatever is fictitious both can and ought to be abolished. Fictitious selling-prices, for instance, offer not the slightest profit to the publisher. They are simply transparent shams; they deceive nobody; and, worst of all, they offer an additional margin to the underseller to operate on. But even if the large nominal discount given by publishers to the retail dealer were reduced, and converted into a small and genuine one, there would still, we fear, be room for underselling on the part of the unscrupulous.

Meanwhile, we invite communications on this subject, whether in the shape of suggestions or of statements of facts, or of both combined. The subject is one of vital importance to the Bookseller; it requires and demands the utmost and the frankest discussion, and it is discussion of this kind only that can lead to the evolution of a remedy.

BOOKS AND BOOKSELLING, &c.

[Publishers and Booksellers who have facts or announcements which they may wish to appear in this department of the *BOOKSELLERS' RECORD AND TRADE CIRCULAR*, will oblige by forwarding them (if possible, not later than Thursday) to the office, 19, Wellington-street North, Strand, W.C.]

THE REV. MR. PYCROFT is writing a sequel to his work "Twenty Years in the Church." It is to be entitled "Elberton Rectory."

MR. W. M. THACKERAY will deliver a lecture to the members of the Bury Athenaeum, Suffolk, on "Humour and Charity," early in the ensuing year.—*The Star*.

MESSRS. RIVINGTONS (one of whose leading partners has just retired from the firm) are publishing a new and enlarged edition of Mr. Justice Park's "Memoirs of William Stevens."

MR. BOOTH will publish next week Miss Pardoe's new book, "A Life's Struggle," and the second edition of Mr. Pycroft's "Twenty Years in the Church."

SIR EMERSON TENNENT'S "CEYLON" is out of print. The whole of the first edition has been sold within three weeks of publication: this is an extraordinary success for a work published at so high a price—2l. 10s. The new edition will be ready next week.

MESSRS. DEIGHTON AND BELL, of Cambridge, are to publish, in a few days, a new and revised edition of the "History of the Articles of Religion," by the lamented Archdeacon Hardwicke, whose unfortunate death must be fresh in the memory of our readers.

EASTERN AFRICA is coming decidedly before the public. The announcement of Dr. Knapp's explorations in that region is followed by one of "Travels in Eastern Africa, with the Narrative of a Residence in Mozambique, 1856-1859," by Lyons M'Leod, late British Consul at Mozambique. Messrs. Hurst and Blackett are the publishers.

MR. MITCHELL, the late secretary to the Zoological Society, whose melancholy death in Paris was lately chronicled, was a zealous disciple of the culinary art, and had collected one of the most complete collections of cookery-books known. It is expected that this collection will be disposed of, which is good news for literary cooks—not cooks of literature.

IN THE CASE OF LORD BROUHAM, who applied for a rule against Thomas Atkinson, the printer and publisher of the *Westmoreland Gazette* and *Kendal Advertiser*, for an alleged libel upon him, the Court of Queen's Bench, upon the application of the defendant, has enlarged the rule till next term, in order to give time for the defendant to make inquiries and to decide upon the course which he ought to pursue.

DR. DORAN is busily engaged with his "Lives of the Princes of Wales," to be published by Mr. Bentley early next year. The title of the work strictly represents its contents. The sketch of each Prince of Wales will terminate with his accession to the throne—when such has been the case. We shall have Prince Hal, as he really lived and was, but not the Henry V. of Agincourt.

THE ORIGINAL SETH BEDE.—A little pamphlet has just been published entitled "Seth Bede, the Methody: his Life and Labours, chiefly written by Himself;" from which it would appear that Miss Evans has, "under fictitious names, made known to the world the peculiar virtues and characteristics of her two uncles," and that "the author has taken unwarrantable liberty in representing Dinah as the wife of Adam Bede." What next, and next?

MISS MULOCK, the popular novelist, is about to adventure in the realm of verse with a volume of poems, to be published by Messrs. Hurst and Blackett. Professor Blackie of Edinburgh also has a volume of "Lyrical Poems" in the press, to be published by Messrs. Sutherland and Knox. Professor Blackie is no stranger to metrical composition; witness his "Student-songs of Germany," contributed to *Tait's Magazine* many years ago, and his more recent poetical translation of *Eschylus*.

MR. A. J. BORROWCLIFFE'S NOVEL OF "TRUST FOR TRUST."—When reviewing this novel last week, we said that "the story is dramatic enough for an attractive melodrama, in which form we should not be surprised to meet with it." Curiously enough, we have just heard that Mr. William Brough is engaged in adapting it for the Adelphi Theatre under the sanction of the writer, Mr. Borrowcliff. We may state that Mr. Borrowcliff is the brother-in-law of Mr. Sidney Dobell, the poet.

THE BOWDLER SHAKESPEARE.—We perceive that the Messrs. Longman are preparing for immediate publication, in shilling parts, the well-known Family Shakespeare, edited by Thomas Bowdler; the first part will appear next week. The work will be illustrated with thirty-six vignettes, engraved on wood, from original designs by G. Cooke, R.A., R. Cooke, H. Howard, R.A., H. Singleton, R. Smirke, R.A., T. Stothard, R.A., H. Thomson, R.A., R. Westall, R.A., R. Wordsworth, R.A.

AN ACTION FOR LIBEL has been decided this week, "Shipway v. Mote and Another." It was brought by a Baptist Minister to recover damages for a libel published in a magazine called *The Earthen Vessel*. At a trial at Guildhall, last term, the plaintiff recovered 100l. damages. The defendant had obtained a rule to reduce the damages, upon the ground that they were excessive, and to enter a nonsuit, upon the ground that there was no joint publication of the

libel. It appeared that when the libel was sent to the magazine by Mote, the editor made certain alterations, which the writer contended were material. The Court decided that the damages should be reduced to 40s., and the plaintiff to have the costs of both the action and the rule.

SIR JOHN FORES.—This eminent author and physician, as will be seen by reference to our column of Coming Sales by Auction, having lately suffered from severe illness, has intimated his intention of retiring from active life. On the 30th inst. the furniture of his house in Old Burlington-street is to be sold by auction. Sir John has generously presented his very valuable medical library, numbering about 3000 volumes, to the Marischal College, Aberdeen, where he received his early education. He graduated in medicine at Edinburgh in 1817.

LITERARY CRITICISM OF THE *Times* AND CONSERVATIVE JOURNALISM.—In a paragraph last week, speaking of the affinity of criticism in the *Times* with that of Conservative journals, we said that Mr. Dallas, of the *Times*, had become associated with the new management of the *Press*. It appears the rumour that reached us was incorrect, for we are assured, on good authority, that Mr. Dallas is in no way connected with the new management. Among the new contributors are Mr. G. H. Lewes, Mr. Warren, and Sir A. Alison.

ANOTHER BLUNDER OF "THE BOOKSELLER."—The editor of the Louisville *Journal* has been the occasion of a blunder as amusing as any of his own witticisms. The *London Bookseller*, a monthly organ of the publishing trade, commenting on a list of American announcements, says of a book which contains a collection of Prentice's witticisms: "We observe a book announced on an almost forgotten subject, *Prenticiana*. Mrs. Ellis may be reminded by this that the *prentices of England* have never yet been the subject of a history."—*Boston (U.S.) Semi-Weekly Courier*.

CAPTAIN M'CLINTOCK'S VOYAGE IN SEARCH OF SIR JOHN FRANKLIN.—For the benefit of country booksellers who wish to give their orders for Captain M'Clintock's work, we give the following particulars: It is of the same size as Livingstone's Travels, but rather thinner: it is illustrated with numerous engravings of the Franklin relics, taken from the author's own and other drawings made while on the voyage—a map, and a *fac simile* of the document found in the snow-hut, recording the fate of Sir John and many of his crew. The work is bound in a dark blue cloth, and published at 16s.

MR. CHARLES GILPIN, formerly a well-known publisher, and now Secretary to the Poor Law Boards, is at present entirely incapacitated from business by indisposition. Mr. Gilpin appears to have caught a severe chill, which has brought on a serious attack of ulcerated sore throat, with great prostration of strength. The hon. gentleman's medical attendants, whilst enjoining present absolute rest from business cares, are we are glad to learn, sanguine that with the care and rest required, Mr. Gilpin's restoration to usual health may be expected at no distant period.—*Daily Paper*.

MR. JOSIAH PARKES, known hitherto to literature only, we believe, as being the father of Miss Parkes, whose strenuous advocacy of the rights and wants of her sex has attracted general attention, is about, we hear, to publish a volume on the authorship of Junius. Of course, it must be something especially new and tempting to attract attention on this trite subject. We hear, however, that Mr. Parkes is the first of the Junius commentators who has managed to get something out of the Francis family, and that the new facts and documents which his book will contain will add much additional strength to the case in favour of Sir Philip.

MESSRS. APPLETON and Co. have published "Leaves from an Actor's Note-book," by George Vandenhoff. Instead of getting his life written for him, as Mr. Charles Kean has done, Mr. Vandenhoff has written it himself, and to good purpose. One American critic says: "Mr. Vandenhoff's recounts many often found fault with on the score of taste. His opinion of his own merits as an actor is altogether higher than that entertained of them by the press (generally) and the public of America. Consequently his self-laudation and reprint of the favourable notices he has received become at last rather a bore." An English edition of this work is about to be published by Mr. Hotten, of Piccadilly.

SCARCITY OF PAPER.—In consequence of the unprecedentedly brisk state of the publishing trade, the demand for paper has grown to an extent unusually disproportionate to the supply, and the manufacturers have consequently been compelled to make a considerable advance in price. This will materially affect the cheap press, whose requirements for paper are very large, and whose profit is brought to the lowest possible ebb by the pernicious influence of the paper duty. It is thought in the trade that one consequence of the rise in the price of paper will be, that those of the cheap press which use a superior quality must either increase their selling price, or use an inferior kind of paper. With the cheaper kind of publications the inconvenience will be very serious, some of them requiring an enormous supply. The *London Journal*, for instance, now requires 700 reams weekly, which is equivalent to 350,000 copies

of that periodical. (The largest number ever printed in one week of the *London Journal* was 511,000.) Having regard to the meeting of the Parliament, we hope that the Association for the Abolition of the Taxes on Knowledge will not let another session slip without making a strenuous effort to remove the tax on paper; because this tax not only directly oppresses the paper consumer, but prevents the ingenious from developing any of the many schemes for increasing the supply of the raw material, and manufacturing paper from materials other than rags.

WE TRANSLATE from a Paris contemporary, the *Journal Général de l'Imprimerie et de la Librairie*, the following notice of the late lamented Mr. Lowell, of the firm of Barthès and Lowell: "The head of one of the most important bookselling establishments of London, Mr. J. Lowell, of the house Barthès and Lowell, has just died. This eminent bookseller possessed a most extensive knowledge of Bibliography, and a prodigious memory. MM. Barthès and Lowell had continued the business of French booksellers founded in London by M. Bossange, senior, and formerly known as the Galerie Bossange. This house is constantly frequented by members of the most distinguished English families. Mr. Lowell leaves one son, and a daughter married to M. Barthès."

A CASE OF SOME IMPORTANCE TO PRINTERS has been decided this week by Vice-Chancellor Sir John Stuart. It appeared that, in 1840, the late J. C. Robertson, a printer, assigned one-half of the *Railway Times*, to which he was entitled, to Mr. J. T. Norris, by way of mortgage, with power of sale. Part of the mortgage money was subsequently paid off by Robertson, but 150*l.* remained due on it. In 1841 Norris assigned the mortgage to his brother; in 1848 the brother assigned it back again to him; and in 1850 Norris bought the other half of the paper from Mr. J. Braithwaite, to whom it belonged—thus becoming, as he supposed, the sole proprietor of the *Railway Times*. But in 1855 Robertson filed a bill to set aside the sale of 1811; and when the cause came to be heard before V.-C. Stuart in 1857, the sale was set aside, and a decree made for redemption, with an account to be taken. Against this Norris appealed, but the Vice-Chancellor's decision was confirmed in all respects. When the accounts came to be taken before the chief clerk in the usual way, a question arose whether Norris (who had been printer to the *Railway Times* from June 1841 to July 1846) could claim cash or credit prices, he being also at the time manager of the paper. It was contended by the plaintiffs that the receipts of the paper had furnished enough ready money to pay for the printing, and that Norris was entitled only to cash prices for such printing. This Norris disputed, alleging that he was entitled to apply the money first in discharge of the debt due to him, and that he was entitled to credit prices. The Vice-Chancellor decided against Norris, inasmuch as he had improperly entered into possession of the paper, and was not entitled to claim for himself a higher rate of remuneration than others properly employed had obtained.

THE *Banffshire Journal* says: "The CRITIC has introduced into its columns a new feature, called the BOOKSELLERS' RECORD, which must be a grand success. Eight pages are devoted to a chronicle of new books of all languages, with explanatory remarks now and then, and gossip respecting the sale of any popular work, and the sayings and doings of its writer. In this department the bookseller and book-buyer will find all the information he requires, and, of course, what cannot be obtained in the same compact form in any other literary publication extant. The CRITIC now will be a rich mine for all London correspondents to dig in." We take the following items of gossip from the same source: "I have seen a sample copy of the *Manchester Review*, which, as its title indicates, is to be published in the northern capital. It is to be under the editorial management of Mr. Thomas Ballantyne, of the late *Statesman*, a gentleman of very varied experience. He will have the help of Mr. William Macall, the 'Atticus' of the CRITIC, than whom there is no man living who has struggled more for the defence of what he believes to be true, human, and godlike. With his exact and extensive knowledge of foreign literature, his imminently majestic style, he will be an invaluable coadjutor. In my communication of last week I referred to the probable appearance, in a few weeks, of the long-talked of *Dial* newspaper. On Monday last there was a meeting of the shareholders at the London Coffee House. The meeting was a very spirited one, and a good deal of indefinite enthusiasm was shown, and more random words spoken respecting the new enterprise. At the *soirée*, to which friends of the shareholders were admitted, there was considerable speechifying, and not a little of real business done. A number of shares were taken up, as well as subscribers obtained for six hundred copies. On the first Saturday of January next the first number will appear, i.e., provided the clergymen and lawyers on the board of direction do not, by their excessive love of talk, consume all the time between this and then, so as to render it impossible for the practical business men connected with the movement to mature the necessary plans. In all truth and soberness, there is a capital chance for the *Dial*, with its more than 7000 shareholders, twenty thousand

pounds or more in hand, provided the directors would hand the matter over to one or two practical men, and appoint a competent and autocratic editor. It is now definitely proposed, as I hinted last week would probably be the case, to bring out the paper weekly for a few months, after which it is hoped that it will expand itself into a daily, and indicate, according to its title, the moral time of each day.

MESSRS. WILLIAMS AND NORRAGE are preparing for publication what cannot fail to be a very interesting and curious work, from the pen of the well-known M. Francisque Michel, the philologist and archaeologist, whom M. Guizot sent in 1835 to explore the libraries of this country for documents relative to the history and literature of France. The new work of M. Michel is to be entitled "Les Ecossais en France: Les Français en Ecosse" (The Scotch in France: the French in Scotland), and is to delineate biographically and historically the most interesting features of the old and strong alliance and intercommunication between France and Scotland. "Profoundly versed," says the prospectus, "in the historical and literary productions of the two nations, familiar with public and private monuments, he is in a position to trace all that relates to the Scots in France and to the French in Scotland. In addition to the personages who figured more or less on the political scene in which they were mixed up with the events recorded in the histories of France or of Scotland, he traces the origin and the annals of the Scottish Guard, and follows it even to the present branches of the French families formed by the archers of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. There is nothing, even to the Soto-Frankish language spoken by the companions of Quentin Durward, of which he has not collected a number of documents almost unknown, at least on the other side of the Channel. Further, and this is by no means the least important feature of the work, the commercial relations between France and Scotland will appear for the first time developed in their most curious details." The work will form two octavo volumes, of about six hundred pages each, with more than one hundred coats of arms and other illustrations, printed at Bordeaux upon fine paper by the printer to whom we are indebted for "Le pays Basque, sa population, ses mœurs, sa littérature, et sa musique," and will be sold at a price not exceeding one guinea. At the same time there will be an edition in quarto upon thick paper, the impression of which will be restricted to one hundred copies. These will be numbered, will cost three guineas, and will contain a list of the subscribers, with their name and crest on a flyleaf, should they desire it, at an additional cost of ten shillings. The names of subscribers will be received by Messrs. Williams and Norgate, 14, Henrietta-street, Covent-garden, London, and 20, Frederick-street, Edinburgh. Any information or suggestion respecting the work may be sent post free to the above directions, or to the author, Mons. Francisque Michel, Professeur à la Faculté des Lettres, etc., rue de la Trésorerie, No. 122, à Bordeaux (Gironde), France. To his other literary claims upon the public of this country, M. Michel, we may mention, adds that of having translated into French the works of Sterne and Goldsmith.

TRADE SALES.

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MR. MURRAY'S TRADE SALE.

MR. MURRAY'S Trade Sale took place at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday last. One hundred and seventy-nine different books were offered. Of these, twenty were entirely new works; the others were new editions of standard works, of which few "houses" apparently thought of taking less than hundreds. After dinner—which by the way, would have done honour to the Queen's larder—and the usual toasts of "The Queen" and "Success to Literature" were given, Mr. Murray said he would depart on this occasion from the ordinary custom, by adding another toast to the former two; and in a few many and hearty words he spoke of the great hardships and dangers encountered by the gallant little crew of the *Fox*, "Captain M'Clintock, Captain Allan Young, and Lieut. Hobson." Most heartily was the toast responded to; the applause was soon, however, silenced by the knock of Mr. Hodgson the auctioneer's hammer, who, holding a copy of Captain M'Clintock's account of his voyage in his hand, asked how many each firm would take. Then

There was silence deep as death;
And the boldest held his breath
For a time—

till some one led the way by calling out in a sonorous voice, "Simpkin, a thousand copies." Then the bidding grew "fast and furious;"—Longman, 500; Whittaker, the same; Hamilton, Adams, and Co., 400; till all eyes were turned towards a slight figure at the middle table, who had risen to say, "three thousand—Mudie." On this there was a round of applause. Three thousand for one library! Why, a few years ago three thousand would have been considered a very good edition of a work selling for 16*s.* We were unable to follow exactly the

numbers taken by those who followed Mr. Mudie; but the sum total ordered of the work was near eight thousand copies.

The next work on the list was, "Bateman's Life of Daniel Wilson, D.D., late Bishop of Calcutta; his Correspondence and Journals, with portraits, map, and illustrations," in two volumes, 8vo., cloth, of which Mudie took 1050 copies. Of Mr. Darwin's work, "On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection" (reviewed in the CRITIC this week), nearly 2000 copies were sold, of which Mudie took 500, and Simpkin 200.

The first volume of Dr. Smith's new work, "The Dictionary of the Bible," about 1500 copies were sold. Walton and Maberly took 500 (it is understood that this firm have a share with Mr. Murray in the work); Mudie, 250; Longman, 104; and Simpkin the same. These, again, are large numbers of a work selling for 2*l.* 2*s.* Dr. Smith's is said to be the most elaborate work on Biblical history we have. It contains the antiquities, biography, geography, and natural history of the Bible, written by many and various contributors. "The Chinese at Home; or, Pictures of the Chinese drawn by themselves" and described by the Rev. Mr. Cobbold, late Archdeacon of Ningpo. The largest number taken was by Mudie—200 copies; Simpkin 100, which appears to us very small. Mr. Cobbold's book consists of thirty-four drawings and about the same number of chapters, illustrative of the social life of the Chinese. It is a pretty little volume, and cheap for 9*s.* Of Mr. Christian's Memoir of the Early Life of Lord-Chancellor Shaftesbury the trade seemed shy. The largest number taken was fifty copies—Mudie. It is a thin post 8vo. volume, published at 10*s.* 6*d.* Farrar's "Science in Theology" did not go so well as we expected, considering the price, 9*s.* The largest number taken was 150. Mr. Farrar's book consists of sermons preached before the University of Oxford.

Dr. Thomson's "New Zealand, Past and Present, Savage and Civilised," went off pretty well. Mudie took 200 copies, the largest number taken. Of Rawlinson's "Bampton Lectures," being "Historical Evidences of Revealed Religion with Reference to Modern Doubts and Discoveries," Simpkin took 200, the largest number; Longman, 100; Mudie, 50 only. Of "pious" Robert Nelson's "Life and Times" Mudie took 100 copies, the largest number. Mr. Rowland's "Manual of the English Constitution: its Rise, Growth, and Present State," the largest number was taken by Mudie—100. It is a stout post 8vo. volume, stonily bound and boldly lettered. Dr. Smith's smaller "History of Greece for Junior Classes" went well, as might have been expected, for it is a cheap book, being published at only 3*s.* 6*d.* We noted the following numbers: Simpkin 312, Longman 260, Whittaker 312, and Walton 650. Dr. Smiles's "Self Help" went freely; Hamilton, Adams, and Co. took 520, Mudie the same, Simpkin 416, Longman 312, and Smith and Son 208; in all, about 6000 copies were sold of the work. Lord Wrottesley's "Thoughts on Government and Legislation" and "The Duke of Wellington's Civil Correspondence while Secretary for Ireland"—we did not catch the names of those that took the largest numbers. The former work is a little post 8vo. volume, published at 7*s.* 6*d.*, and the latter is uniform in size and price with the Wellington "Indian Despatches" lately published by Mr. Murray.

We have spoken of the numbers taken of the new works only. The purchases of new editions were in many cases very large, but we have no space to give them.

Among the guests and leading members of the trade who attended the dinner we noticed Dr. William Smith, who doubtless felt a paternal interest in the fate of his works included in the sale; Mr. Mudie, *in propria persona*; Mr. Lemere, the representative of Messrs. Longmans; Mr. Smith Williams, for Smith, Elder, and Co., whose ability and amiability have been long since made known to the world through the medium of Mrs. Gaskell's "Life of Charlotte Brontë." Mr. Murray took the chair, faced by his able and well-known coadjutor, Mr. Cooke. Upon one point every one agreed—that this, without exception, was the most attractive and prosperous sale that Mr. Murray had ever held.

It will be seen that Mr. Murray did not offer at this sale all the new works announced by him for the present season. Among the more important books to come are the following:

Memoirs of the Great European Congresses of Vienna—Paris, 1814 and 1815, Aix-la-Chapelle, 1818, Tropau, 1820, and Laybach, 1820 and 1821. By the late Earl of Westmoreland. To be seen through the press, by his son, the present Earl. The Intuitive Convictions of the Mind. By the Rev. James McCosh, LL.D., author of "Method of Divine Government, Physical and Moral." A History of the Two Years' War in the Crimea, from Personal Observations. By Mr. "Eothen" Kinglake, M.P., the author of "Eothen: Travels in the East." The Life of Sir Joshua Reynolds. With notices of Hogarth, Wilson, Gainsborough, and other artists his contemporaries. By the late Mr. Charles Leslie, the author of "Memoirs of Constable" and "Handbook for Young Painters." This work has been long in the press; we hear it is beautifully "got up;" the size is 8vo. 4to.

The Glaciers and the Alps: being a Narrative of various Excursions among them, and an Account of Three Years' Observations and Experiments on the Motion, Structure, and General Phenomena. By Mr. John Tyndall, Professor of Natural Philosophy in the Royal Institution of Great Britain.

Manual of Fossil Mammals, with several hundred illustrations. By Richard Owen, Superintendent of the Natural History Department of the British Museum.

The Works of Alexander Pope, with a new Life, and more than three hundred letters never before published. By the late John Wilson Croker.

The Life, Journals, and Letters of Jonathan Swift, a new edition, with an introduction by John Forster.

TRADE CHANGES.

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FARINGDON, BERKS.—The premises of Mr. Knapp, Bookseller, Faringdon, have just been transferred to Mr. W. Laker. The valuation was made by Mr. Holmes, 48, Paternoster-row, and Mr. Gray of Croydon.

THE GAZETTES.

BANKRUPTS.—John Godfrey and Daniel John Delany, Savoy-street, Strand, Middlesex, printers, Dec. 6, at half-past 2 o'clock, and Jan. 3, at 1 o'clock, at the Bankruptcy Court: solicitor, Mr. Hepburn, Coothall-court, Throgmorton-street; official assignee, Mr. Lee, Aldermanbury.

DECLARATION OF DIVIDENDS.—H. Wheeler, Derby, printer, first div. of £1. 3d., on Monday, Nov. 21, and three subsequent Mondays, at Mr. Harris's, Nottingham.

CERTIFICATES to be granted, unless cause be shown to the contrary, on the day of meeting.—A. H. Jack, Haymarket, Middlesex, letter-press printer.

INSOLVENT DEBTORS.—Final orders will be made in the matters of the following persons, petitioners for protection from process, at the Court House of the said Court in Portugal-street, Lincoln's-inn unless cause be shown to the contrary, as follows:—On Saturday, the 26th November, at half-past 10 o'clock, precisely, before Mr. Commissioner Murphy: William Deeks, 22, Market-street, Mayfair, Middlesex, stationer, bookseller, and news-agent.—Benjamin Savage, now of 67, Great Cambridge-street, previously of No. 20, Ada-place, Pritchard's-road, both in the Hackney-road, and formerly of 1, Margaret-street, Hackney-fields, all in Middlesex, dealer in combs, brushes, and stationery.

On Monday, 28th of November, at 11 o'clock, before Mr. Chief Commissioner Law: John Clark, formerly of 72, Great Bland-street, Dover-road, Newington, now of 72, Smyrk's-road Old Kent-road, and of 40, Union-street, Southwark, Surrey, printer, &c.

DISSOLUTIONS OF PARTNERSHIP.—F. Rivington and J. Rivington, Waterloo-place, Pall-mall, Middlesex, booksellers.

SCOTCH SEQUESTRATIONS.—D. Lind and H. B. Spence, Edinburgh, stationers and engravers, Nov. 29, at 1 o'clock, at Cay and Black's rooms, Edinburgh.—W. Crichton, Hawick, bookseller, Dec. 2, at 12 o'clock, at the Tower Hotel, Hawick.

CORRESPONDENCE.

AN AUTHOR'S ACCOUNT.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR.—The inclosed curious specimen of an author's calculation of what the results of his publications "ought to be," may interest some of your readers. I will only add in explanation that we published three pamphlets—one at 6d., one at 8d., and the third at 1s. 6d.—and that, having paid the author about 40s. on account of the earlier editions of the two former, our claim upon him was for the balance due upon the printing of the last editions of them, and of the third pamphlet, which obtained a very small sale.—I am, Sir, yours, &c.

Nov. 16, 1859.

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DEAR SIR.—I have been unable to answer yours of the 9th inst. sooner. Your previous one was duly received; but, as I looked upon it merely as a matter of form, I did not think a reply necessary. However, I must now say a few words about it.

The total cost of a book to an author is 45 per cent., but say 50 per cent. My first pamphlet is in its seventh edition, my second in its fifth; consequently,

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Leaving a balance of 35 19 0 In which sum you are indebted to me, without taking into account any of the third pamphlet, or of the last editions of the first and second pamphlets, sold since your account was rendered.

I did not and do not wish to make any fuss about the matter, but facts are facts; and when two editions of an eighteen-penny pamphlet realise to Archdeacon —

1000, it is very strange that ten entire editions of my pamphlets leave me a balance to pay you. Something must be wrong somewhere.

As you, however, have renewed the subject, I must request you to revise your account, and favour me with a cheque for the balance, as I am not quite so ignorant of these matters as not to know what the result of my account ought to be.—I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

Nov. 15, 1859.

BOOKSELLERS' DISCOUNTS.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR.—I am glad to see your attention called thus early to a most important matter to booksellers, viz. unfair discounts, and beg to be allowed to offer a few remarks on the subject.

I quite agree with a "Country Bookseller" in thinking that the present mode of conducting business is leading to a complete monopoly, that will eventually deprive the small bookseller of the greater portion of his business; for, if willing to enter into competition with the "innovators," he must do three times the amount of business he formerly did to obtain the same profit. At present, the published price of a book is no guide to its actual cost; the public are aware of it, and naturally take advantage of it.

This change is the more to be condemned as it was entirely uncalled for. The public did not complain of the prices charged; and even if such had been the case, it was for the publishers, and not the booksellers, to offer a remedy. The discount allowed by the publishers to the Trade has no right to be granted to the public for the sake of increasing the business of a few, to the great detriment and loss of the many. To literary societies and institutions the discount is allowable, although they now in great measure purchase their supplies from the surplus stock offered by the London circulating libraries, which are in some instances re-bound for that purpose, and sold at prices varying from one-third to one-sixth of their original cost. Another practice that is prejudicial to the bookseller is publishers advertising their publications to be sent through book post at published prices.

I do not think a reduction in the established discount would mend the matter, as even if publishers only allowed fifteen per cent., small booksellers would still be undersold; and the public having once been allowed to receive the discount, would not easily be induced to give it up. As regards small booksellers, the evil may be mitigated by discontinuing the discount to the public on single books and small transactions, and only allowing it when the purchases amounted to a certain sum (to be fixed). If those booksellers who now give the full discount were to agree to this, it would show they did not desire to ruin their fellow-tradesmen.

I trust, now we have a journal in which we can freely express our views, and which will, without doubt, circulate largely through the Trade, that something will be done to cause an improvement in the present unsatisfactory manner of doing business.—I am, Sir, yours, &c.

A BEGINNER.

81, Gloucester-place, Kentish-town.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR.—Your correspondent, "A Country Bookseller," states that as much as fifteen or even twenty per cent. discount is allowed to the public by the London trade—the retail bookseller contenting himself with ten or five per cent. This is not quite a correct statement of the case.

As great a discount as twenty-five per cent. is now, in some cases openly, and in others under the thin veil of a binding, allowed by the London retail bookseller.

There is but one remedy—an entire separation of the wholesale and retail trades, and uniformity of wholesale price, irrespective of the quantities taken, to the latter branch. This can only be brought about by sacrificing the illusory benefits of sale terms, odd books, and extra discount on quantities.

To obtain this change an organised action would have to be set on foot throughout the trade. A vehement opposition would be raised by the members of some half-dozen "houses," but if the majority were true to themselves, they would succeed, and the day that established uniformity of wholesale price among them would see the last of all unreasonable under-selling. The publishers would benefit by the change. Instead of widely-spread petty accounts, those of the leading wholesale agents would at once be doubled and trebled in amount.—I am, Sir, yours, &c.

A LONDON BOOKSELLER.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR.—I am very much pleased with THE BOOKSELLERS' RECORD portion of THE CRITIC; it contains information most valuable to country booksellers. I am delighted to see you have taken up so earnestly the subject of "Underselling and Discounts." I do not think, however, the line can possibly be drawn between second-hand booksellers and the sellers of new books only. We are all in the country obliged, often against our will, to deal in second-hand books; our customers continually require old books to be taken in exchange for new ones, and hence we must get rid of our second-hand stock as well as the new.

One move in the right direction would be (and I hope you will press it most energetically on the

attention of all concerned) to ask respectable publishers to decline to insert such advertisements in their publications as are similar to some contained in the last parts of the Edinburgh and Quarterly Reviews. Such gentlemen as the publishers of those periodicals ought to be above inserting them, and perhaps it may be only necessary to bring the subject before them to induce them to be so.

A COUNTRY BOOKSELLER OF MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS STANDING.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR.—I remember to have seen in some forgotten tale a ludicrous incident, in which a person of the Partington genus, reasoning from the word "discount," asks a bookseller what "di-count" he will allow.

Since that tale was written, the word "discount" has unfortunately become too well known to be mispronounced by any one. I say "unfortunately," not that I deprecate the use or value of the word as confined to trade custom. Every retail bookseller understands that pleasant sort of recoil which part of his money makes when it comes back to him in the shape of the usual from 2½ to 10 per cent. "No objection to that, sir," as a friend of mine lately observed; "but when the public hold out their hands for their 20 per cent.—why, it won't do, it won't do. Mark my words, sir, it won't do. No, no, no, no!"

I do not doubt my friend. It certainly won't do (some might say it will do) for him or any bookseller. Visions of fat profits reduced ("small by degrees and beautifully less") to skeleton 5 per cent., or less, are not exactly comforting to the retail trade. And yet it scarcely needs a prophet to foretell that in a few years not a bookseller in England will be able to get more than from 5 to 10 per cent. on new books, and less than 5 on works constantly selling.

The now rapidly increasing practice of allowing ordinary purchasers the benefit of discount no doubt springs out of the principle of competition. Discount to schools, clergymen, and large purchasers generally, has been for many years extensively permitted, the amount allowed varying from 10 to 20 per cent. according to the district.

The last-named practice I remember to have been very gradual in its growth, commencing first in London and other large towns, and by competition slowly but surely forced on the provincial bookseller. If the latter had not yielded to the stronger current, the whole school trade of the country would have gone into the hands of the large advertising firms, a considerable portion of it having been absorbed and still secured by them to this day. Every village schoolmaster now claims this reduction from his bookseller, and of course obtains it. Country clergymen and dissenting ministers do the same, and if their bookseller will not at first accede, they of course put the screw on by hinting that in future they must supply their wants in a cheaper market. Provincial booksellers know this sort of thing thoroughly, and act accordingly. It should be remembered, also, that these now established discounts extend not alone to books, but to every article of stationery and miscellaneous goods. There can be no doubt that the country trade might gradually regain much of its lost custom amongst the classes referred to—the clergy, lawyers, and medical men, schools and others—if they could content themselves with small profits.

The principle of competition, however, is too relentless to stop at any precise limit; and, unfortunately, booksellers' discounts are slowly extending their privilege to the ordinary and every-day purchaser. I again say "unfortunately" (so far as the country trade is concerned), because I cannot help sympathising with the latter in its hard struggle against the "enemy" in large towns. The good old days of 25 per cent. profit are numbered, and the provincial bookseller will have gradually to sink his 20 per cent. if he means to swim.

Competition is clearly the cause of this—I was going to add, evil. The next question is, is it an evil? I feel that this is treading on dangerous ground. My country friends will no doubt, with one voice, shout out an indignant and vociferous "Yes!" And yet I, in all fairness, and after mature reflection, say, No, it is not an evil as times go. We live in days of small profits, and all business must mould itself to the events which are gradually lessening them. Who for one moment supposes that the draper and grocer suffer by the diminution of their profits? The less profit, the more sales in compensation. The cheaper books become, the more readers will spring up. I assure my friends in the country that, by the time they are compelled to give the 20 per cent. to every customer, their customers will increase in proportion. Let them take this comfort to heart.

The whole subject of profits in trade turns upon one point—expediency. Profit every tradesman must have, to live. The question is, How much? The answer, As much as you can, consistent with safety; for it must ever be remembered that the public will always go to the cheapest market. As a general rule, all retail trades are now content with "homoeopathic profits" on articles of regular sale, and compensate themselves by "clapping it on" on new or rare goods. There is no reason why the bookseller should not do so also. It may be urged in reply that, so far as books are concerned, such a course is rendered impossible through the practice of advertising selling

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prices. This is, of course, true; but I cannot see why that practice could not be discontinued, if proved inimical to the interest of the Trade. New books, just out, might then be sold at a higher price, and gradually reduced.

So far, then, from thinking the prevalence of these discounts a danger to the general Trade, by placing a monopoly in the hands of the few, I rather hail them as an indication that a new and better state of things is about to dawn on all interested in book-selling. It is useless to deny that the book trade is hampered by regulations which, in other markets, have long since become obsolete. The most prominent, and, in my opinion, most injurious of these regulations is the system of fixing a certain selling price on every book. This plan is unquestionably artificial and arbitrary, and, in the present condition of the trade, only imposes on the inexperienced bookseller and the public, both of whom are beginning to find out that the price advertised is "humbug." Neither the retail bookseller nor the public could possibly suffer from the absence of these advertised prices. Publishers are now sufficiently under the screw of competition to make it essential for them to offer the lowest remunerative prices to the trade; the collecting agents are in the same plight; and the public may rest assured that their booksellers will be driven, by the same levelling process, to sell at the lowest figure.

The only satisfactory mode of doing business in books would be for the publisher to make known his trade charges by private circular, &c. The retail bookseller could then acquaint the public with his selling prices in any way he thought fit. This plan would place the whole book trade at once on a natural, a safe, and a practical basis. I believe that its adoption would give a great impulse to book-selling to the benefit of all parties. The competition amongst the retail Trade, by advertising their charges, would create quite a stir in their localities, and would probably double the sale of some works.

One result of this new movement in books would appear singular at first. Publishers would gradually cease to advertise for the public eye, and the retail trade would as gradually occupy their ground. For every book advertisement now appearing in the public prints there would, in all probability, soon be hundreds. As the publisher would thus lessen his expenses, he would be able to lower his price, and so enable the retail bookseller to meet his extra outlay. Proprietors of provincial newspapers, if this reformation could be brought about, would certainly begin to look up.

Your limits will not permit a more lengthened inquiry into this subject now. I, however, commend it to the Trade generally, and shall myself, in all probability, refer to it again on some other occasion.—

VIATOR.

Weymouth, 22nd Nov. 1859.

UNFAIR DISCOUNTS.—THE "LIBRARY COMPANY."

TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—One of the first features which suggests itself to those concerned, upon the establishment of an organ devoted to the interests of any particular trade or profession, is the redress of wrongs to which such trade or profession may be subject. Such, then, is the manifest opinion of the book-selling trade with regard to the journal you have recently placed at its disposal. The first and most crying evil, in the present instance, is that required to undergo the process of ventilation, is the "unfair discount question;" and I am satisfied that the sentiments expressed in your article last week will be the source of much gratification to many a country bookseller, as exhibiting an earnest of your intention of protecting the legitimate rights of the Trade, which they began to look upon as lost. Much good will no doubt be effected through the medium of your journal, especially in suppressing the practice now prevalent amongst publishers of forwarding catalogues to, and soliciting orders from, private individuals; but a great deal of the evil lies with those who are without the pale of remonstrance—the unprincipled dealer—and, therefore, in a measure, without remedy.

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W. C.

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MESSRS. RUSHWORTH and JARVIS will sell by auction, on Nov. 30, books, bookshelves, and a few books.

FOREIGN BOOKS, BOOKSELLING, &c.

FRANCE.—The Paris publishing firms are growing more active with the approach of Christmas. The production of literature devoted to the recent war in Italy seems to flag, and the subject of China appears to be taking its place. We observe an announcement of a provincial French *Booksellers' Record*, which appears fortnightly, on the 1st and 15th of the month, in connection with the "Comptoir de la librairie de province," founded by M. Vallin, of the Rue Jacob.

THE TWO CLOSING VOLUMES of M. Thiers great work, the "Histoire du Consulat et de l'Empire," will appear in the course of March.

THE FIRST TWO VOLUMES of the Correspondance de Béranger (collected by Paul Boiteau) are promised on the 28th, by Perroutin, of Paris. The work will form four large volumes, at 6 francs a volume.

M. CAPEFIGUE the prolific, continues to work at the biographical mine presented by the lives of women more celebrated for their talents, beauty, and position, than for their virtue. He has already done *Mesdemoiselles de Pompadour, Dubarry, and La Vallière*. His next volume will be devoted to "Gabrielle d'Estrées et la politique de Henri Quatre."

M. P. L'OISEL de LILLE, the author of "Histoire de mon temps," has a work in the press, of which the title is a literary curiosity. We have had "L'Empereur Napoléon devant l'Europe." M. de Lille goes further, and is to present us, in the first fortnight of December, with "L'Empereur Napoléon III. devant l'Univers!"

AN ADMIRABLE MONOGRAPH of the celebrated Chancelier d'Aguesseau has just been given to the world by M. Francis Monnier, one of the professors at the Collège Rollin. Portions of it were read be-

fore publication to the "Académie des Sciences morales et politiques," and the author had the benefit of suggestions made by some of the most eminent members of that eminent body.

A NEW EDITION, in monthly volumes, commencing with the 5th of December, of the collective works of Arsène Houssaye, the author of the "Roi Voltaire," is promised by Henri Plon, of Paris, the publisher of the Correspondence of the First Napoleon. M. Houssaye, in spite of his success, seems to stand well with his literary *confrères*. The new edition of his writings is to be enriched with prefaces and critical essays by Jules Janin, Philharète Châles, Théophile Gautier, Méry, Theodore de Banville, &c.

MM. FIRMIN DIDOT, of Paris, the great publishers, have been subjected to a curious action in connection with their well-known directory, the "Almanach des 500,000 Adresses." The name and address of M. Navoit, who calls himself a genealogist, in consequence of a removal, had been expunged from the Directory. M. Navoit brings an action for damages against the MM. Didot, on the ground that he has suffered considerably by the omission of his name. The Civil Tribunal of the Seine very properly decided against the genealogist, and condemned him to pay the costs of the action.

THE DEATH OF COLINS, the French socialist writer, has created a vacancy in the ranks of the champions of the weak against the strong. Colins was a retired officer of cavalry, who had left the service at an early age, disgusted with the falsehood of the military career, to devote himself exclusively to the search after truth in the great question of the rights and privileges of the working classes. The energy and industry he displayed have left as their record more than forty volumes of manuscript. These are not to be published for some years to come, the times not being ripe for the disclosures he has made therein. An Englishman has borne the expenses of the previous publications issued by Colins, and is left sole legatee of his unpublished works. It is generally thought that he will cause them to appear in English translations.—*Leider*.

THE LIBRAIRIE NOUVELLE has just published a translation of Mr. Thackeray's "Yellowplush Papers." This work has been admirably rendered into French by an Englishman, Mr. William L. Hughes, who has contributed to several of the leading periodicals here, and even had one or more dramas produced on the French stage. His perfect acquaintance with the language has enabled him to render Mr. Thackeray's work in the manner best calculated to convey the author's meaning to French readers. Where close translation was applicable, he has adhered strictly to his original, but where the meaning could be better expressed by paraphrase he has adopted that method; and the result is a very successful rendering of a tale that offers unusual difficulties to a translator. Mr. Hughes has not attempted to imitate the extraordinary orthography of the famous Mr. Charles J. Yellowplush, and any such experiment would most probably have resulted in failure. The version first appeared in the *Revue Européenne*, and the fact of its now being brought out in a separate form proves that it has been well received by the public here.—*Paris Correspondent of "Telegraph."*

THE following is our usual list of the chief works published in France during the last week. The great activity of the MM. Hachette, with their dictionaries and reprints of French classics, will be observed. One of the most notable publications in the list is the first complete French translation of the poetry of the great Italian artist, Michel Angelo, by M. Lannau-Rouland, preceded by an excellent "étude" on the poet-sculptor-architect, and on Vittoria Colonna. The caustic M. Hippolyte Castille has added to his gallery of "Portraits politiques" the physiognomy of the well-known Barroche. Madame Sand's "Elle et Lui" has come rather slowly to a second edition, an honour likewise accorded to the "Daniel" of Feydeau, the author of the too-notorious "Fanny."

ALEXANDRE, C.—Dictionnaire Grec-Français, 11ème édit. Hachette, 15fr.

ANNALES de Philosophie Chrétienne, Vol. LVIII. Paris, Annual subscription, 20fr.

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NOULET, J. B.—Essai sur l'histoire littéraire des patois du midi de la France (one hundred copies printed). Tchener.

PARIS qui s'en va, publication artistique, livr. I. et II. A. Cardard, 1fr. 50c. each livraison.

PHARES des côtes des îles britanniques (official publication of the French Admiralty). Bossange & fils.

POURTAU, F.—Climatologie de la Saulsade. Lyon, Leiber & Farguet.

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GERMANY.—A striking instance has just

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BROCKHAUS of Leipzig (the publisher of the well-known "Conversations-Lexicon") announces that he is about to commence the publication of a collection of English classics in the original. He is to lead off with Shakespeare, and the task of editing our great poet is to be entrusted to the competent hands of Professor Tycho Mommsen. Milton, Byron, &c. &c. are to follow, and we observe the name of Tennyson in the list.

JULIUS SPRINGER, of Berlin, has published "Alltags Leben in London. Ein Skizzenbuch" (Every-day Life in London). By Julius Rodenberg. It is worth a glance as conveying the impressions made on a young German by the great metropolis, and the title is a suitable one, as the work deals mainly with the more common aspects of life in London. It is inscribed to "Emmanuel Deutsch, British Museum;" and the dedication refers in enthusiastic terms to "the music of the trees in Bedford-square!"

TOWARDS the close of last month, a festival of a peculiar and interesting kind was celebrated at Bonn. The occasion was the attainment of the fiftieth anniversary of his entrance into professional life by Welcker, the well-known philologist, archaeologist, and philologist. We may consider as a sort of literary result of this festival the publication of a little volume of letters addressed to Welcker at various times by Wilhelm von Humboldt, the distinguished brother of the still more distinguished Alexander von Humboldt. Welcker was for a period tutor to Wilhelm von Humboldt's son.

AN IMPORTANT biographical and historical work has just been published at Berlin, by no less a person than Von Westphalen, the unpopular ex-Minister of the Interior in Prussia, who was dismissed when the Prince Regent took the reins of power into his hands. It is a history of the campaigns of Duke Ferdinand of Brunswick-Lüneburg, and is published from the posthumous manuscript of the editorial ex-Minister's grandfather, another Westphalen, who was private secretary to the Duke. Duke Ferdinand was one of Frederick the Great's most distinguished generals; and the work contains a number of letters from that sovereign.

DECKER of BERLIN, the King's printer, announces the second volume of the German translation of Carlyle's "Frederick the Great." It is a translation authorised by Mr. Carlyle himself, and executed by Mr. Neuberg, a German gentleman long resident in this country, and formerly connected with the manufacturing districts. Mr. Neuberg has contributed to the *Westminster Review*, and formerly translated into German Mr. Carlyle's "Heroes and Hero-worship." The difficulties of translating Carlyle into a foreign language may be easily imagined, and a complete success on Mr. Neuberg's part would have been impossible. He has executed his task very conscientiously, and has occasionally added in a foot-

note some explanations (very necessary to a German reader), of his favourite author's whimsical allusions and epithets.

THE SCHILLER FESTIVAL and its production of Schiller literature are over. Things begin to resume their wonted course. In Germany, as in France, literature is ceasing to be prolific of books on the Italian war, and the agitation for a closer federal union is giving birth to innumerable pamphlets, — few of which deserve special mention. The new literary phenomenon in Germany is the appearance of Freytag's new work referred to above. The following is our list of the principal new books published in Germany during the past week:

ALMANAC DE GOTHA, pour l'année 1860. Gotha, J. Perthes, 2 1-3 thalers.
ANTON.—Wörterbuch der Gauner und Diebes-sprache, 3 Aufl. Berlin, Kramme, 1-3 thaler.
FRIEDRICH.—Re-Atlas: Berlin und seine Umgebungen. Leipzig, Brockhaus, 1-6 thaler.
CABALLERO, Fernan.—Ausgewählte Werke; Die Müve Braunschweig, 24 ngr.
DENKWÜRDIGKEITEN aus dem Leben von Amalie Sieveking. Hamburg, Agentur des Baulen-Hauses, 1 thaler 12 ngr.
FREYTAG, G.—Bilder aus der Deutschen Vergangenheit, Th. I. Leipzig, Hirzel, 14 thalers.
JAHRBUCH DEUTSCHER BÜHNNENSPLEI f. 1860. Berlin, Verein-Buchhandlung, 1-2 thalers.
LORENZ, G. F. V.—Handelschule, Abth. I. Leipzig, Wöller, 2 thalers.
PARTHEY, G.—Zur Erdkunde des alten Ägyptens. Berlin, Dümmler, 2 thalers.
REINKE, Laut.—Die Messianischen Weissagungen bei den grossen und kleinen Propheten, Bd. I. Giessen, Ferber, 2 thalers.
RÜSTON, W.—Die Lehre vom neuen Festungskrieg. Leipzig, Förster, 4 1-3 thalers.
SCHLOSSER, F. C.—Geschichte des 18 Jahrhunderts, &c. 4 Auf. Bd. VII, 24 thalers.

AUSTRIA.—THE TRADE AND AUSTRIAN PAPER MONEY.—Last week a meeting of the Austrian booksellers was held at Vienna to debate a question curiously symptomatic of the variegated character of the circumstances that contribute to the intellectual as well as political situation of this empire. The German publishers, it appeared, had declined the further receipt of Austrian bank-notes in the settlement of accounts; and as almost every work sold in this empire is printed in and imported from Germany, the poor booksellers, whose customers can pay them in no other than paper money, see themselves reduced to the necessity of shutting up shop, if such resolution is persevered in. In this emergency they have prepared a memorial to be presented to the bookselling corporation at Leipzig, in which, after dwelling upon the necessity they labour under of receiving paper instead of silver, they entreat their colleagues to reconsider their decision. As an inducement to the German publishers to rescind their determination, they urge upon their consideration the great number of books annually sold in Austria, adding, that if they are compelled to pay in specie, when they are obliged to receive in paper, prices would be so much enhanced as to be tantamount almost to prohibition. But, whatever the amount of persuasive rhetoric they have expended upon a subject so dear to their hearts and pockets, they themselves even entertain but the faintest hopes, if any, of seeing their wishes fulfilled. Being men of common sense, they, of course, can perceive that the German publishers cannot afford to lose from 20 to 40 per cent. on their ware. The case is of an interest extra-bibliopolic, in so far as it demonstrates by most forcible example the ruined condition to which Austrian import trade has been reduced under the pressure of the fluctuations of currency.—*Vienna Correspondent of the Daily Telegraph.*

ITALY.—The Provisional Government at Bologna is turning publisher. It is confiding to a Signor Gennarelli the task of compiling a volume descriptive of all the arbitrary and unjust acts of the fallen Government (that of his Holiness the Pope), which is to be published officially by the new one. If Signor Gennarelli does justice to his subject, the volume will be of colossal dimensions.

DENMARK.—The Danish publishers pay due attention to English novelties. A Copenhagen publisher announces a Danish translation of Captain Sherard Osborne's "Cruise in Japanese Waters;" another, one of—"Adam Bede!" This is popularity.

IT HAS BEEN RESERVED for a Copenhagen publisher—Schwartz—to give to the world, from a codex in our own British Museum, a work the following announcement of which speaks for itself to the Biblical and Syriac scholar. "Libri Judicum et Ruth secundum versionem Syriaco-Hexaplaem ex codice Musei Britannici nunc primum editi, græco translatis notis illustrati. Fase. I. cont. Lib. Jud. cap. i.—v. Specimen philologicum, quod cum dissertatione præmissa de regulis grammaticis, quas secutus est Paulus Tellenensis in veteri testamento ex græco syriace vertendo, defendere conabitur Thomas Skat Rördam."

SPAIN.—THE CANARIES IN A FLUTTER.—The following ludicrous illustration of Spanish courage and sentiment is given in a letter from the Canary Islands:—

The recent publication of Mrs. Murray's "Sixteen

Years of an Artist's Life in Morocco, Spain, and the Canary Islands" has given rise to an ebullition of Spanish vanity and self-love never before paralleled in absurdity. Mrs. Murray, as is well known, is the wife of Mr. N. J. Murray, her Majesty's Consul for the Canary Islands; and it appears that some of her just observations regarding the locust-like swarms of Government employés, and other hardships endured by the population, have given as much offence to that class of persons as her true description of some of the social peculiarities is likely to strike the attention of any foreigner. The local press of Grand Canary and Teneriffe has furnished garbled translations of some passages; and, although nothing that Mrs. Murray states with respect to the Government and its employés is one iota more severe than what the people of the country daily and loudly complain of among themselves, the Civil Governor of the province Brigadier Don Joaquin Ravenet (acting also as Military Captain-General) issued a decree on the 20th ult. prohibiting the importation, sale, or circulation of the work; and it is a public fact that by a late conveyance to Spain he sent official despatches to the three different Ministers of State, of the Home Department, and of Instruction, requiring the Cabinet to demand from the British Government the immediate dismissal of Mr. Murray from his consulship, and removal from the islands. That gentleman, having learnt the spirit excited by his wife's book, and wishing to avoid all possible unpleasantness, sent a letter to the president of the *casino* (or club) in Santa Cruz, announcing that he withdrew himself from being a member of that society; but under some frivolous pretext his communication was returned to him as inadmissible by the managing committee, so as to afford an opportunity of holding a general meeting to gratify their petty malice by saying that the "dignidad y decoro" (dignity and decorum) of their society compelled his formal expulsion from its body. It is well known that the Spaniards are not disposed to improve by having wholesome home truths told them, however ready to admit any fable regarding themselves to be sweetened to their palate; but I believe the present to be the first occasion on which the removal of a functionary of a friendly Government was ever solicited for the sole reason of his wife having, in a literary production written in English for English readers, ventured to point out some of the more prominent evils of the country she was describing.

AMERICA.—AN AMERICAN PAPER says the Hon. Edward Everett is writing an article on Washington for one of the foreign encyclopedias—the "Encyclopædia Britannica" we presume.

THE SALE OF MR. CHOATE'S LIBRARY will realise to his family about 15,000 dollars.

MESSRS. SHELDON AND CO., New York, have issued a new volume of select discourses by Mr. Spurgeon, published exactly as they came from the author's own hand, without a passage or word omitted or added.

WORCESTER'S QUARTO DICTIONARY is announced by the publishers, Messrs. Hickling, Swan, and Brewer, to be ready for delivery to subscribers on 10th December next.

SALE OF THE NORFOLK COUNTY JOURNAL.—The *Norfolk County Journal*, a weekly newspaper started about fifteen years ago by Mr. William A. Crafts, and published for the last two years by Hon. James Ritchie, has just passed into new hands, having been purchased by Mr. George H. Munroe.

MESSRS. C. H. BAILEY, of New York, combine print and magazine selling in a remarkable way. They give for the small sum of three dollars a portrait either of Washington or of Everett, and tremble at the same time a year's numbers of any of five magazines, according to choice. — Our own *Blackwood* is one of the five.

MESSRS. RANDOLPH, of New York, have published what appears to be the first American edition of old Burton's "Anatomy of Melancholy." The numerous classical extracts are translated for the benefit of the merely American reader. Some of the American papers devote elaborate notices to this Transatlantic resuscitation of Burton.

THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, the Historical Society, and the Free Academy, are about to come into possession of the handsome bequest left to them by the late Seth Grosvenor, Esq. The two former get ten thousand dollars, and the latter thirty thousand dollars — only the interest of which will be expended in the replenishment of the libraries attached to those institutions.

Two ladies whose names are not given have, according to the *Boston Semi-Weekly Newspaper*, been engaged more than a year in collecting an autograph book that will contain original contributions from 'very many' eminent people, literary, scientific, and professional. The book will contain in all about two hundred autographs of men and women from all parts of the world. Mr. Everett has written the dedication, 'and has enclosed a gem in a contribution that will be well worth competing for.' The 'gem' seems to us very obscure. Is it a thousand dollars?

IN CONNECTION with the Harper's Ferry outbreak a beautiful instance of womanly devotion has just been exhibited. Mrs. Lydia Maria Child, the popular authoress, whose works are as well known and admired in this country as they are in the United States, has addressed a letter to the Governor of Virginia, begging for permission to act as nurse to John Brown, and to solace his last hours. In her letter she avowed her own anti-slavery character, and her admiration for the attempt which Brown had made, but she pledged herself to make no unfair use of the privilege

for which she asked, if it was granted to her. To Governor Wise's honour, be it said, he has complied with Mrs. Child's request, and that noble woman is now administering consolation to the unfortunate captive.—*Morning Star.*

MESSRS. APPLETON AND CO., New York, announce the following: *The Physiology of Common Life.* By George Henry Lewes. Vol. I.—*Loss and Gain*; or, *Margaret's Home.* By Alice B. Haven. *The Coopers.* "No such Word as Fail," &c.—*Rawlinson's Herodotus.* Vol. II.—*Mary Staunton*; or, *The Pupils of Marvel Hall.* By the Author of "Portraits of my Married Friends."—*The Four Georges, Kings of England.* By Schmucker.—*Martha's Hooks and Eyes.*—*Morphy's Games at Chess.* Edited by Löwenthal.

HARPER and BROTHERS, New York, have the following list of announcements, almost wholly reprints of English works, published or to be published. The same firm advertises Charles Reade's "A Good Fight," at 75 cents, and "Sword and Gown," by the author of "Guy Livingstone" at 25 cents, adding that they will send either of them "postage paid, to any part of the United States, on receipt of the price." The following is their list:—*Hinchbridge Haunted: a Country Story.* By George Cupples, Esq., author of "The Green Hand."—*Now or Never.* By M. Bethan Edwards.—*Life and Times of George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham.* By Mrs. Thomson.—One of them, by Charles Lever, "A Life Struggle: a Novel." By Miss Pardoe.—*Tom Brown at Oxford.* By the author of "Tom Brown's School Days." (from *Macmillan's Magazine*.)—*The Dark Day.* By Wilkie Collins.—*When the Snow Falls.* By W. Moy Thomas.—*Misrepresentation: a Novel.* By Anna H. Drury.—*The Nut Brown Maids: a Family Chronicle of the Days of Queen Elizabeth.*—*Ovingdean Grange: a Tale of the South Downs.* By Ainsworth.—*Life in Spain; past and Present.* By Walter Thornbury.—*The West Indies and the Spanish Main.* By Anthony Trollope.—*Sir John Bowring's Visit to the Philippine Islands.*—*Setting Sail: a Novel.* By the author of "Kathie Brande," and "Sylvan Holt's Daughter."—*Misdirected Letters.* By the author of "Sam Slick," &c.—*Aggerden Vicarage; or, Bridget Storey's First Charge.*

"THE MINISTER'S WOOING."—There is a great difference of opinion among American editors about the religious teaching in Mrs. Stowe's last novel, "The Minister's Wooing." As a work of art they speak of it very highly. The *New York Evangelist* says: "We observe that several of our religious journals have attacked 'The Minister's Wooing' quite fiercely, on account of supposed theological taint in one passage, where Mrs. Marvyn, in her despair at the supposed loss of her son at sea, breaks forth into bitter exclamations at the thought that he may have made also eternal shipwreck. This, they think, is designed to insinuate a doubt of future punishment. But it seems to us rather harsh judgment, to scan words placed in the mouths of one of the characters of a story as rigidly as if it were a deliberate opinion, avowed and defended in a theological treatise. It is not at all in that light that we look upon this book, but as a simple tale of religious faith, and tender, trembling love—tale as sweetly pure as that of Ruth; and as such we pronounce it one of the most exquisite creations ever woven out of the finest tissues of a woman's heart and brain." The editor of the *Star in the West*, the most respectable Universalist newspaper we see, says of the same book, as it came out in successive numbers in the *Atlantic Monthly*: "The remark is often made, that the Beecher family is doing more for liberal Christianity than many of the best defenders combined; but all the rest of the family together are not doing as much as Mrs. Stowe in the *Atlantic Monthly*. Her productions in that publication ought to induce every Universalist in the land to patronise the work. If she is not a Universalist, heart and soul, then we cannot understand language." The *Century*, a weekly paper of this city, has an elaborate and highly eulogistic notice of the book, in which it says: "We have said that Evangelical religion forms the groundwork of the story. While reading it serially, we had our doubts as to the spiritual stand-point of its authoress, which it is needless to say its conclusion has dissipated. The stalwart Calvinistic divine whom she had selected for her hero, never carried out his inhuman theological speculations to a more logical extremity than Mrs. Stowe recognises in depicting the results of Presbyterian orthodoxy as developed by our appearing in her characters. Does she know what a tremendous protest she may have been unconsciously writing against it?"—protest, perchance, which will find an echo in the hearts of thousands?" The sum of the above is this. The *New York Evangelist* says the book is pure as one of the best books in the Bible. The *Universalist* paper says: "If the writer is not a Universalist heart and soul, then we cannot understand language." And the *Century* finds in it a tremendous protest against Presbyterian orthodoxy which perchance will find an echo in the hearts of thousands. Verily, doctors do disagree.

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